

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method being performed by a computer system, the method comprising:

generating, by a processor of the computer system, a user profile corresponding to a user;

identifying one or more entities related to the user, said one or more entities having corresponding entity profiles including context information comprising a plurality of types of categorized data;

providing an initial list including entity profiles corresponding to one or more entities related to the user;

refining the initial list based on a refining attribute to select an entity profile from the entity profiles included in the initial list;

associating at least a portion of the context information from the selected entity profile to the user profile by importing at least the portion of the context information into the user profile, wherein the imported portion comprises data belonging to the plurality of types of categorized data ~~such that the imported portion includes at least two types of data belonging to at least two categories selected from a qualification of the user, a workset of the user, a skill of the user, a personal preference of the user, an authorization level of the user, a group membership of the user, an informational need~~

~~of the user, a project of the user, a task of the user, a taxonomy of the one or more entities, content accessed by the user, and context of the user's participation in the one or more entities; personalizing a work environment, by editing data stored in the computer system, associated with user based on the context information associated with the user profile;~~

associating explicit context information with the user profile by collecting information entered by the user;

associating implicit context information with the user profile by collecting information based on an email and a document of the user;

associating inherited context information with the user profile by collecting information from a profile of a parent entity of the user profile;

implementing, by using the processor, an identity inspector tool;

sending, by the processor, a notification to the user to indicate that new information is available for updating the user profile, wherein [[the]] the identity inspector tool provides:

different filtered views of the user profile based on different types of context information, the filtered views including a first view having the explicit context information, a second view having the implicit context information, and a third view having the inherited context information;

a first option to the user to accept the new information for updating the user profile based on the new information;

a second option to the user to change the new information for updating the user profile based on the changed new information; and

a third option to the user to add additional information to the new information for updating the user profile based on the additional information;

~~receiving an instruction to perform~~ assigning a collaborative task defined in the ~~workset of~~ to the user;

transporting, to the user profile, workset context information included in a workset associated with the collaborative task, wherein the workset defines a work environment including a communication feature, a collaboration feature, and a user interface requirement, and the collaborative task is performed by collaborating with another user in the work environment, the collaboration and the collaborative task being performed and by using a portion of the workset context information included in the user profile; and

tracking progress of the task by implementing a dashboard ~~in the user profile~~ indicating whether a milestone associated with the task is complete.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein at least a portion of said context information is organized into context clusters.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein said associating at least a portion of the context information from the selected entity profile to the user profile comprises transporting one or more context clusters into the user profile.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising ~~wherein said~~ ~~comprises~~ personalizing the work environment by including links in the work environment.
6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the links are to services.
7. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the links are to information places.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the work environment comprises a portal environment.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 updating the context information in the user profile periodically.
10. (Previously Presented) The method claim 1 further comprising:
 generating an additional user profile for the user; and
 associating at least an additional portion of the context information to the
 additional user profile by transporting at least the additional portion of the
 context information into the additional user profile.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, further comprising:

switching between the user profile and the additional user profile

based on a selection received from the user, wherein the user profile is associated with a first identity of the user in the work environment and the additional user profile is associated with a second identity of the user in the work environment, the second identity being different from the first identity.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said identifying one or more entities related to the user comprises identifying one or more entities having a collaborative relationship with the user.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said identifying one or more entities related to the user comprises identifying one or more entities having a business relationship with the user.

14. (Currently Amended) A method being performed by a computer system, the method comprising:

generating, by a processor of the computer system, a child entity profile

corresponding to a child entity;

identifying parent entity profiles from which the child entity profile depends, the

parent entity profiles including context information comprising a plurality of types of categorized data;

providing an initial list including the parent entity profiles;

refining the initial list based on a refining attribute to select a parent entity profile
from the parent entity profiles included in the initial list;

importing at least a portion of the context information from the selected parent
entity profile into the child entity profile, said imported context information
comprising inherited context information belonging to the plurality of types
of categorized data ~~such that the inherited portion includes at least two
types of data belonging to at least two categories selected from a
qualification of the child entity, a skill of the child entity, a personal
preference of the child entity, a workset of the child entity, an authorization
level of the child entity, a group membership of the child entity, an
informational need of the child entity, a project of the child entity, a task of
the child entity, a taxonomy used in parent entity profile, and content
accessed by the child entity;~~

associating explicit context information with the child entity profile by collecting
information entered by the child entity;

associating implicit context information with the child entity profile by collecting
information based on an email and a document of the child entity;

updating the inherited context information in the child entity profile by editing data
stored in the computer system in response to a change in the
corresponding at least a portion of the context information in the parent
entity profile;

implementing, by using the processor, an identity inspector tool;

sending a notification to the child entity to indicate that new context information is available for updating the child entity profile, wherein the identity inspector tool provides:

different filtered views of the child entity profile based on different types of context information, the filtered views including a first view having the explicit context information, a second view having the implicit context information, and a third view having the inherited context information;

a first option to the child entity to accept the new information for updating the child entity profile based on the new information;

a second option to the child entity to change the new information for updating the child entity profile based on the changed new information; and

a third option to the child entity to add additional information to the new information for updating the child entity profile based on the additional information;

~~receiving an instruction to perform~~ assigning a collaborative task defined in the ~~workset of~~ to the child entity;

transporting, to the child entity profile, workset context information included in a workset associated with the collaborative task, wherein the workset defines a work environment including a communication feature, a collaboration feature, and a user interface requirement, and the collaborative task is performed by collaborating with another parent entity

or child entity in ~~[[a]]~~ the work environment ~~of the child entity, the~~
~~collaboration and the collaborative task being performed~~ and by using a
~~portion of the~~ workset context information ~~included in the child entity~~
~~profile~~; and

tracking progress of the task by implementing a dashboard ~~in the child entity~~
~~profile~~ indicating whether a milestone associated with the task is complete.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14, further comprising personalizing the work environment associated with child entity ~~user based on the context information associated with the user profile.~~

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein said personalizing comprises including links in the work environment.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the links are to services.

18. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the links are to information places.

19. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the work environment comprises a portal environment.

20. (Cancelled).

21. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein said inherited context information comprises context clusters.
22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14, further comprising:
updating the context information in the [[user]] child entity profile periodically.
23. (Currently Amended) The method claim 14 further comprising:
generating an additional child entity profile for the child entity; and
associating at least an additional portion of the context information to the
additional child entity [[user]] profile by importing at least the additional
portion of the context information into the additional child entity profile.
24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising:
switching between the child entity profile and the additional child entity profile
based on a selection received from the child entity, wherein the child entity
profile is associated with a first identity of the child entity in a work
environment and the additional child entity user profile is associated with a
second identity of the child entity in the work environment, the second
identity being different from the first identity.
25. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable storage medium including machine-
readable instructions which, when executed on a processor, cause the processor
to:

generate a user profile corresponding to a user;

identify one or more entities related to the user, said one or more entities having corresponding entity profiles including context information comprising a plurality of types of categorized data;

provide an initial list including entity profiles corresponding to one or more entities related to the user;

refine the initial list based on a refining attribute to select an entity profile from the entity profiles included in the initial list;

associate at least a portion of the context information from the selected entity profile to the user profile by importing at least the portion of the context information into the user profile, wherein the imported portion comprises data belonging to the plurality of types of categorized data ~~such that the inherited portion includes at least two types of data belonging to at least two categories selected from a qualification of the user, a skill of the user, a workset of the user, a personal preference of the user, an authorization level of the user, a group membership of the user, an informational need of the user, a project of the user, a task of the user, a taxonomy of the one or more entities, content accessed by the user, and context of the user's participation in the one or more entities; personalize a work environment associated with user based on the context information associated with the user profile;~~

associate explicit context information with the user profile by collecting information entered by the user;

associate implicit context information with the user profile by collecting

information based on an email and a document of the user;

associate inherited context information with the user profile by collecting

information from a profile of a parent entity of the user profile;

implement an identity inspector tool;

send a notification to the user to indicate that new information is available for

updating the user profile, wherein the identity inspector tool provides:

different filtered views of the user profile based on different types of

context information, the filtered views including a first view having

the explicit context information, a second view having the implicit

context information, and a third view having the inherited context

information;

a first option to the user to accept the new information for updating the

user profile based on the new information;

a second option to the user to change the new information for updating the

user profile based on the changed new information; and

a third option to the user to add additional information to the new

information for updating the user profile based on the additional

information;

~~receiving an instruction to perform~~ assign a collaborative task defined in the

~~workset of~~ to the user;

transport, to the user profile, workset context information included in a workset

associated with the collaborative task, wherein the workset defines a work

environment including a communication feature, a collaboration feature,
and a user interface requirement, and the collaborative task is performed
by collaborating with another user in the work environment,~~the~~
~~collaboration and the collaborative task being performed~~ and by using a
~~portion of the~~ workset context information ~~included in the user profile;~~ and
~~tracking~~ track progress of the task by implementing a dashboard ~~in the user~~
~~profile~~ indicating whether a milestone associated with the task is complete.

26. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable storage medium including machine-readable instructions which, when executed on a processor, cause the processor to:
- generate a child entity profile corresponding to a child entity;
 - identify parent entity profiles from which the child entity profile, ~~[[the]]~~ the parent entity profiles including context information comprising a plurality of types of categorized data;
 - provide an initial list including the parent entity profiles;
 - refine the initial list based on a refining attribute to select a parent entity profile from the parent entity profiles included in the initial list;
 - import at least a portion of the context information from the selected parent entity profile into the child entity profile, said imported context information comprising inherited context information belonging to the plurality of types of categorized data ~~such that the inherited portion includes at least two types of data belonging to at least two categories selected from a qualification of the child entity, a skill of the child entity, a personal~~

~~preference of the child entity, a workset of the child entity, an authorization level of the child entity, a group membership of the child entity, an informational need of the child entity, a project of the child entity, a task of the child entity, a taxonomy used in parent entity profile, and content accessed by the child entity;~~

update the inherited context information in the child entity profile in response to a change in the corresponding at least a portion of the context information in the parent entity profile;

associate explicit context information with the child entity profile by collecting information entered by the child entity;

associate implicit context information with the child entity profile by collecting information based on an email and a document of the child entity;

implement an identity inspector tool; [[and]]

send a notification to the child entity to indicate that new information is available for updating the child entity profile, wherein the identity inspector tool provides:

different filtered views of the child entity profile based on different types of context information, the filtered views including a first view having the explicit context information, a second view having the implicit context information, and a third view having the inherited context information;

a first option to the child entity to accept the new information for updating the child entity profile based on the new information;

a second option to the child entity to change the new information for
updating the child entity profile based on the changed new
information; and
a third option to the child entity to add additional information to the new
information for updating the child entity profile based on the
additional information;
~~receiving an instruction to perform~~ assign a collaborative task defined in the
~~workset of~~ to the child entity;
transport, to the child entity profile, workset context information included in a
workset associated with the collaborative task, wherein the workset
defines a work environment including a communication feature, a
collaboration feature, and a user interface requirement, and the
collaborative task is performed by collaborating with another parent entity
or child entity in ~~[[a]] the work environment of the child entity, the~~
~~collaboration and the collaborative task being performed~~ and by using a
~~portion of the workset context information included in the child entity~~
~~profile; and~~
~~tracking~~ track progress of the task by implementing a dashboard ~~in the child~~
~~entity profile~~ indicating whether a milestone associated with the task is
complete.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the user is related to the one or more entities based on one of activities of the user, worksets of the user, and collaboration of the user with the one or more entities.

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the child entity profile depends on the parent entity profile based on one of activities of the child entity, worksets of the child entity, and collaboration of the child entity with the parent entity profile.

31. (Cancelled)

32. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage medium of claim 25, wherein the user is related to the one or more entities based on one of activities of the user, worksets of the user, and collaboration of the user with the one or more entities.

33. (Cancelled)

34. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage medium of claim 26, wherein the child entity profile depends on the parent entity profile based on one of activities of the child entity, worksets of the child entity, and collaboration of the child entity with the parent entity profile.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
implementing a decay function for deleting a portion of the context information
included in the user profile based on a decay time, wherein a duration of
the decay time is set based on a relevance of the portion.
36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14 further comprising:
implementing a decay function for deleting a portion of the context information
included in the child entity profile based on a decay time, wherein a
duration of the decay time is set based on a relevance of the portion.